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TO: DIRECTOR INFO DDCI OFFICE AND DDO.

DURING VISIT TO I STAYED WITH

AND SAW KEY FIGURES IN INTELLIGENCE

ORGANIZATIONS,

ALL SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN CHINESE SITUATION AND WHAT

IT MIGHT BODE FOR THEM. ALL WERE EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN

DEVOUTLY HOPED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CASE. DID NOT

SEEM TOO CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT NORTH VIETNAMESE MIGHT DO

BUT WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT

WHAT NVN MIGHT DO ONCE THEY GOT THEIR COUNTRY ORGANIZED IN

THE WAY OF SUPPORT TO THE.

THEY FELT THIS WOULD BE SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE FUTURE.

I FOUND AMONG LEADERS AS ELSEWHERE IN THIS
AREA CONCERN ABOUT US RESOLUTION AND STAYING POWER. WITHOUT
PAINTING TOO ROSY A PICTURE I ENDEAVORED TO REASSURE THEM
THAT U.S. WAS EMERGING FROM DIFFICULT PERIOD AND WOULD

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BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY AND WOULD STAND BY ITS FRIENDS. I NOTED
THAT PRESIDENTIAL REORGANIZATION OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
VESTED GREATER POWER IN DIRECTOR THAN EVER BEFORE, THEY
WERE PLEASED WITH THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH BKH¹ERALD AND LIKED
AND TRUSTED COS [] WHO ENJOYS THEIR RESPECT AND IS
SIMILARLY REGARDED []

[] ARE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT THEIR ROLE
IN AREA [] SHOULD BE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PLAY ROLE IN
[] SIMILAR TO THAT OF U.S. IN NATO BUT REALIZE THAT THEY
HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO GET THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER AND THAT
THEY ARE REGARDED BY SOME OF THEIR NEIGHBORS WITH A MIXTURE
OF RELIANCE AND FEAR. I THINK WE IN BKH¹ERALD CAN PLAY VERY
CONSIDERABLE ROLE IN PUTTING THEM ON RIGHT ROAD. COS WILL
REPORT IN SOME DETAIL ON TALKS WITH VARIOUS LEADERS.

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